

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 670

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles softball team upon achieving the highest combined grade point average among all 2011 NCAA Division I programs.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful athletic teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles softball team has thrived both on the field and in the classroom, as evidenced by their 3.619 grade point average (GPA), the highest combined average among all NCAA Division I programs in 2011; and

WHEREAS, ranking in the top seven nationally in academics for the past four years, the Golden Eagles have twice received the honorable distinction of highest GPA; and

WHEREAS, as many as nineteen members of the team made the 2011 Fall Semester Athletic Director's Honor Roll, six of whom maintained perfect GPAs of 4.0; and

WHEREAS, further demonstrating their academic excellence, seventeen players made the 2011 Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Commissioner's Honor Roll, two of them earning the OVC Medal of Honor for the highest GPA in the league; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their collective commitment to learning, the Golden Eagles were awarded the OVC Team Academic Award in 2010-2011; and

WHEREAS, a testament to the university's educational mission, the Tennessee Tech softball program has produced five Academic All-Americans and nine Academic All-District winners; and

WHEREAS, in addition to their numerous academic achievements, the Golden Eagles have secured nine OVC regular season or tournament championships in the past decade and have advanced to the NCAA post-season play five times since 2000; and

WHEREAS, as a result of their unending determination and hard work, the team has produced several OVC award winners, including two Coach of the Year awards, four Player of the Year awards, four Pitcher of the Year awards, three Freshman of the Year awards, and thirty-five first-team all-OVC awards; and

WHEREAS, aside from their myriad honors and awards, the Golden Eagles have volunteered many hours to community service projects, including Habitat for Humanity and Bark in the Park for the local animal shelter; and

WHEREAS, the members of Tennessee Tech's Golden Eagles softball team have represented their community and the State of Tennessee in fine fashion, displaying peerless character both on and off the softball diamond; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud such an outstanding athletic team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the Tennessee Tech Golden Eagles softball team for achieving the highest combined team GPA among all 2011 NCAA Division I programs and extend to them our best wishes for every continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.